

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-30 (Canceled)

31. (New) A washing machine comprising:
a washing aid dispenser; and
a washing tub adapted to be supplied, through said washing aid dispenser, with a mixture
of water and a washing aid,
wherein said washing aid dispenser includes
(i) a compartment adapted to contain the washing aid,
(ii) a first siphon having a first suction height to draw-in and convey towards said
washing tub a first layer of the mixture,
(iii) a second siphon having a second suction height, greater than the first suction
height, to draw-in and convey towards said washing tub a second layer of the mixture lying in
said washing aid dispenser at a height greater than a height of the first layer of the mixture, and
(v) a third siphon having a third suction height that is greater than the second
suction height.

32. (New) The washing machine according to claim 31, wherein
said third siphon includes a conduit that is open at opposite ends thereof, and a cap
piece situated above said conduit.

33. (New) The washing machine according to claim 32, wherein
a base of said cap piece forms an acute angle with respect to a bottom of said washing aid
dispenser so as to define a suction zone having the third suction height as a variable suction
height relative to the bottom of said washing aid dispenser.

34. (New) The washing machine according to claim 33, wherein

said second siphon includes a second conduit associated with a second cap piece situated above said second conduit, said second conduit being open at opposite ends thereof, with a base of said second cap piece forming an acute angle with respect to the bottom of said washing aid dispenser so as to define a second suction zone having a variable suction height relative to the bottom of said washing aid dispenser,

with said suction zone associated with said third siphon being located at a greater distance from the bottom of said washing aid dispenser than is said second suction zone.

35. (New) The washing machine according to claim 31, wherein
a water head of said third siphon is to be higher than or equal to a water head of said second siphon.

36. (New) A washing machine comprising:
a washing aid dispenser; and
a washing tub adapted to be supplied, through said washing aid dispenser, with a mixture of water and a washing aid,
wherein said washing aid dispenser includes
(i) a compartment adapted to contain the washing aid,
(ii) a first siphon having a first suction height to draw in and convey towards said washing tub a first layer of the mixture, said first siphon including a first conduit associated with a first cap piece situated above said first conduit, said first conduit being open at opposite ends thereof, and
(iii) a second siphon having a second suction height, greater than the first suction height, to draw in and convey towards said washing tub a second layer of the mixture lying in said washing aid dispenser at a height greater than a height of the first layer of the mixture, said second siphon including a second conduit associated with a second cap piece situated above said second conduit, said second conduit being open at opposite ends thereof, and a base of said second cap piece forming an acute angle with respect to a bottom of said washing aid dispenser

so as to define a first suction zone having said second suction height as a variable suction height relative to the bottom of said washing aid dispenser.

37. (New) The washing machine according to claim 36, further comprising:

a third siphon including a third conduit associated with a third cap piece situated above said third conduit, said third conduit being open at opposite ends thereof, with a base of said third cap piece forming an acute angle with respect to the bottom of said washing aid dispenser so as to define a second suction zone having a variable suction height relative to the bottom of said washing aid dispenser,

wherein said second suction zone is located at a greater distance from the bottom of said washing aid dispenser than is said first suction zone.

38. (New) The washing machine according to claim 37, wherein

said second suction zone has a lower level that substantially coincides with an upper level of said first suction zone, and extends with the same inclination as said first suction zone, in such a manner as to obtain a substantially continuous suction zone including said first and second suction zones.

39. (New) A washing machine comprising:

a washing aid dispenser; and

a washing tub adapted to be supplied, through said washing aid dispenser, with a mixture of water and a washing aid,

wherein said washing aid dispenser includes

(i) a compartment, adapted to contain the washing aid, in communication with water supply structure adapted to deliver water from the washing machine, said water supply structure having a plurality of apertures through which the water is to flow into said compartment,

(ii) a first siphon having a first suction height to draw in and convey towards said washing tub a first layer of the mixture, and

(iii) a second siphon having a second suction height, greater than the first suction height, to draw in and convey towards said washing tub a second layer of the mixture lying in said washing aid dispenser at a height greater than a height of the first layer of the mixture.

40. (New) A washing machine comprising:

a washing aid dispenser; and

a washing tub adapted to be supplied, through said washing aid dispenser, with a mixture of water and a washing aid,

wherein said washing aid dispenser includes

(i) a compartment adapted to contain the washing aid,

(ii) a first siphon having a first suction height to draw in and convey towards said washing tub a first layer of the mixture, said first siphon including a first conduit associated with a first cap piece situated above said first conduit, said first conduit being open at opposite ends thereof and having a first diameter, and

(iii) a second siphon having a second suction height, greater than the first suction height, to draw in and convey towards said washing tub a second layer of the mixture lying in said washing aid dispenser at a height greater than a height of the first layer of the mixture, said second siphon including a second conduit associated with a second cap piece situated above said second conduit, said second conduit being open at opposite ends thereof and having a second diameter that is greater than said first diameter.

41. (New) A washing machine comprising:

a washing aid dispenser; and

a washing tub adapted to be supplied, through said washing aid dispenser, with a mixture of water and a washing aid,

wherein said washing aid dispenser includes

(i) a compartment adapted to contain the washing aid,

(ii) a first siphon having a first suction height to draw-in and convey towards said washing tub a first layer of the mixture,

(iii) a second siphon having a second suction height, greater than the first suction height, to draw-in and convey towards said washing tub a second layer of the mixture lying in said washing aid dispenser at a height greater than a height of the first layer of the mixture, and

(v) a third siphon,

with a water head of said second siphon to be higher than or equal to a water head of said first siphon, and with a water head of said third siphon to be higher than or equal to a water head of said second siphon.

42. (New) A washing machine comprising:

a washing aid dispenser; and

a washing tub adapted to be supplied, through said washing aid dispenser, with a mixture of water and a washing aid,

wherein said washing aid dispenser includes

(i) a compartment adapted to contain the washing aid,

(ii) a first siphon having a first suction height to draw-in and convey towards said washing tub a first layer of the mixture,

(iii) a second siphon having a second suction height, greater than the first suction height, to draw-in and convey towards said washing tub a second layer of the mixture lying in said washing aid dispenser at a height greater than a height of the first layer of the mixture, and

(v) a third siphon,

with a water head of said second siphon to be higher than or equal to a water head of said first siphon, and with a diameter of said second siphon being greater than a diameter of said first siphon.